

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

1           1. (Amended) A billiard cue comprising:  
2           a shaft having a wall with an outer surface and [first and second ends] a  
3           tip end and an opposed end, a hollow bore extending from the [first] tip end for at  
4           least a predetermined distance along the length of the shaft toward the [second]  
5           opposed end to reduce the mass of the tip end to minimize cue ball deflection on  
6           impact with the cue.

1           6. (Amended) The billiard cue of claim 5 wherein the bore  
2           extends to an end located from about 4 to about 5 inches from the [first] tip end of  
3           the shaft.

1           7. (Amended) The billiard cue of claim 3 wherein:  
2           the bore extends for up to at least 10 to 12 inches from the [first] tip  
3           end.

Claims 8-12 are new.